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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, which contained a restriction requirement ("Restriction Requirement").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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